in India is fairly in tune with the classical theory of demographic transition. The country has passed through all the successive phases of demographic transition and is now widely believed to have entered in a phase that is usually characterized by rapidly declining fertility: The average annual exponential growth rate of population increased from 1.25% in 1951 to 2.22% in 1981, after which it has declined to 2.14% in 1991 and further dipped to 1.93% in 2001.

The Government has adopted the Target Free Approach since 1996 and the Family Welfare Programme in India is voluntary in nature. The Government aims at improvement in access to quality Maternal and Child Health and Contraception services to address the unmet needs of the people, through enhanced advocacy, public private partnership and improvement in public health infrastructure, especially in the EAG States.

Family welfare and population control scheme in Chhattisgarh

2046. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally sponsored family welfare and population control schemes running in Chhattisgarh especially in the tribal areas of the State;

(b) the details of the Central funding for these schemes and for how long;

(c) the funds that have been utilized by the State Government till date;

(d) by when these projects would be over; and

(e) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons for absence of any such schemes in the State?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The Family Welfare Programme is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Assistance in cash and kind is being provided to Chhattisgarh for maintenance of infrastructure, supply of drugs, contraceptives and equipments, training, IEC, RCH Programme and variety of promotional and motivational activities such

as payment of compensation to the acceptors of Sterlization/spacing methods, funding to NGOs etc.

A DANIDA assisted Basic Health care Programme is under implementation in the State for a period of 5 years till December 2005, at a cost of Rs. 17.02 crores. Out of Rs. 3.00 crores released to the State, no expenditure has been reported.

Under the EAG mechanism, funds amounting to Rs. 1.47 crores and Rs. 0.03 crores were released to the State during 2001-02 and 2002-03 respectively.

A statement showing details of funds released under National Family Welfare Programme for the State of Chhattisgarh and the reported expenditure by the State for the year 2001-02 and 2002-03 is enclosed. (See below).

(e) The question does not arise.

Statement

Scheme-wise details of release of funds to the State of Chhattisgarh during 2001-02 and 2002-03 & allocation for 2003-04

SI N	Name of Scheme	Funds released during 2001-02	Funds released during 2002-03	Funds allocated during 2003-04	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Maintenance of Rural FW Centres, Sub-Centres, Urban FW Services, Direction & Administration, Training Institutions, Transport, Sterlisation Beds, Post-Partum Centres, Vllage health Guide Scheme	3392.06	4074.86	4267.52	Releases made are assumed to be fully utilised. Any excess expenditure incurred by the State is reimbursed in
2.	Compensation for Sterlisation	269.00	317.39	582.00	the form of
3.	Supply of Contraceptives, Vaccines, Drug Kits etc. (Kind Grants)	1432.44	1874.57		arrears on sub-mission of audited state-ment of expen-diture.

1	2	3	4	5	6
4	IEC	35.21	(9.29)		The reported expenditure during 2002-03 was out, of the releases made during 2001-02
5	RCH Programme	964.42 (278.42)	462.72 (379.06)	No State-wise allocation is made and releases are demand driven	No expenditure reported
6	Area Projects		300.00		
7.	Maternity Benefit Scheme	83.15	57.30		No expenditure reported
8.	Empowered Action Group	147.50 (147.50)	3.00	428.00	

Figures in bracket indicate the expenditure reported by the State

Ill-effects of fast foods

2047. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether fast foods like burgers, pizzas and fresh fries have been found to be harmful for the health of children;

(b) if so, the action Government have taken to make people aware of it;

(c) whether Government have taken any action against the fast food joints like Mcdonalds and Pizza Huts for providing this unhealthy food; and

(d) whether these joint have been asked to inform people about the ingredients of these food items?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Fast Food like Burgers, Pizzas & French